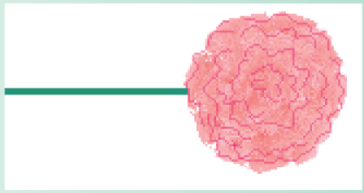
Flower Power

Did you know you can recycle colorful tissue paper from gifts into a bright bouquet?

What you need: Several sheets of tissue paper, used and wrinkled is fine! Can be different or same color, a pipe cleaner and scissors.

Make your flowers blossom:

- Cut tissue paper into same-sized pieces if they are not already, about the size of a DVD case works well.
- Stack paper and fold like an accordion from the long side.
- Wrap pipe cleaner around the middle.
- Gently separate layers up toward middle of the flower, making ruffled petals.



And here's a way to make your real garden flowers last longer. "Pressed flowers" live forever. It's easy:

- First – pick some flowers!
- Next, make a flower "sandwich". Place flowers between paper towels or newspaper in a big book, like a phone book or dictionary.
- Close the book. Stack another big book or some heavy objects on top
- Be patient! It takes 2 to 4 weeks for the flowers to dry.
- When they are dry and stiff, put the pressed flowers in your scrapbook, or make them into a greeting card or a framed picture.